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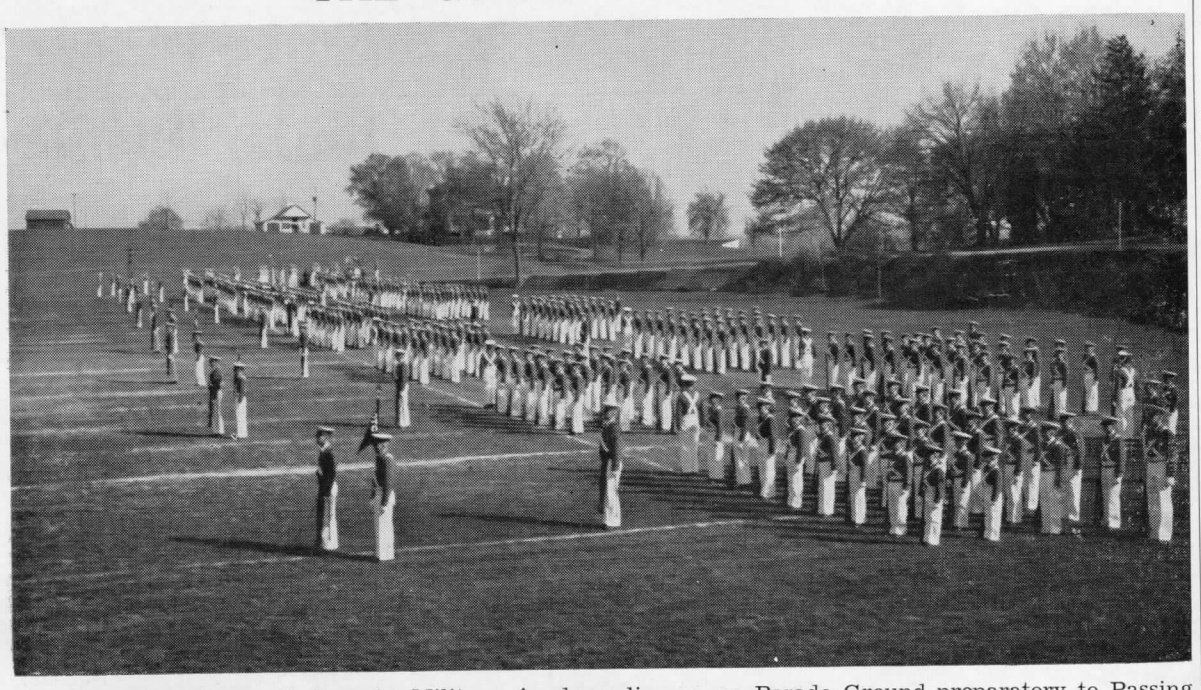
THE CORPS ON PARADE



The Corps of Cadets of Augusta Military Academy line up on Parade Ground preparatory to Passing In Review before the Military Team of Inspectors assigned to Rate Augusta in its annual G.I.

Cadet Capt. Bowen Leads Corps In Govt. Inspection

The annual Military Inspection of the Corps of Cadets of Augusta Military Academy was completed on 20 April, 1960. The actual results of the inspection will not be made public for several weeks, however every indications is that A. M. A. passed every phase of the inspection. Beginning promptly at 0845 hours, various aspects of the inspection were carried on throughout most of the day culminating with a formal dress parade at 1530 hours.

Lt. Col. Louis H. Ressijac, Infantry, P. M. S. and T. of Georgetown University was chairman of the inspecting team, which was appointed by the 21st corps of the Second Army. He was assisted by Capt. Henry H. Berke, Infantry, V. M. I., and 1st. Lt. Richard J. Rappaport, Corps of Engineers, W. and L. University.

From a spectators standpoint of view, the afternoon rifle inspection and full dress parade were most outsandintg. Tht various parts of the day's program was assigned to different ones of the team, and each of these was carried out in an excellent manner, but the general excellenc of the entire corps showed up to its highest degree in the formation for inspection and parade. "Outstanding" was the word most frequently used by the several inspectors in commenting on each demonstration. It was particularly a matter of personal pride to every person within the Academy gates that the preliminary report described the rifle inspection as outstanding and the 'over-all Military Program at the Academy is outstanding'.

If any other one aspect of the demonstrations could be singled out as spectacular, it would be the drill exhibition of the "Roller Rifles". Lead by Cadet Captain "Jim" Towe, the "Rifles" put on a display of skill and precision which was unexcelled in group effort.

In commenting on the Inspection, Major Charles Start, P. M. S. & T. made the following remarks. "We have worked hard all during the year and particularly hard to get ready for G. I. We of the military work hard to teach the boys, but in the final analysis it is the boys who do the job, and if the results are good, it is the boys who deserve the credit — and it was good and they do deserve a tremendous amount of credit. I was real proud of them. I have never in my life seen a corps of Cadets any better prepared nor as good as our boys were. It was their inspection and they did the job in a most outstanding manner."

Afer the dress parade, Gen. Roller addressed the corps and expressed his appreciation for their fine work. As a small token of his appreciation, the General called for short classes on the following day, and granted town leaves to every member of the corps.

Battallion Commander

Cadet Captain "Bill" Bowen, under whose capable leadership, the Corps passed through an inspection which was "outstanding in every detail.

What About Academics?

Gen. Chas. S. Roller, Jr., walks toward Hoover Hall, accompanied by Col. Ressijac, Chairman of the inspecting Team, to inspect Science and other Academic Facilities at Augusta; an important part of G.I.

General Roller Addresses Letter To Cadet Corps

April 21, 1960

An Open Letter for All Cadets To Read.

I would like to say first that I believe that it makes a better Corps of Cadets for everyone in the school to subscribe to the Bayonet and to The Recall. You read things in the Bayonet that you don't see elsewhere. It is gotten out by the Cadets themselves, and their ideas are your ideas. So if you have not subscribed to the Bayonet, buy the individual copies as they come out, and it will make you happier and wiser.

You Cadets call me The Big Boy behind my back. I like it, because it shows that you are very close to me and that you have a real pet name. So The Big Boy tells you that these last five weeks before the final examinations will go by so fast that you don't know where they have gone.

There is a multitude of athletic events, and every boy in this school is required, requested and driven to go out for some athletic sport. ..You can sell yourselves in this world in only two ways— by the way you talk and the way you look. It is unnecessary for me to tell you that every form of athletics will give you a better figure and a stronger and more healthful body. It will bring you happiness. I look now to my daily conversations, how I get so much happiness and pride from telling the different people of the different athletic letters that I made at prep

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Pin-Up Queen Dance Opening Spring Social

The Spring social season at Augusta will commence on May 7, with the annual PIN Up Queen Dance. This much looked forward to annual affair will be held in the Gym beginning at 9 o'clock.

The Queen with her court will be chosen from portraits submitted, along with a biographical sketch of the contestant's list of school and other achievements. The Queen and her Court are then chosen with a view to actual beauty and perhaps equal weight on personal achievements. Final judgement is passed by Gen. Roller.

Miss "Pin Up" and the princesses will reign over the dance and also be guest of honor at the Academy on Sunday for dinner in the Mass Hall, and the entire Corps will pass in review in their honor at Dress Parade. Each winner will be escorted at all events by her date, the lucky cadet who entered her portrait and name in the contest.

The Bayonet will not steal the honor of announcing the winners, but will leave that honor where it belongs, to Major Savadge and the members of the Cotillion Club.

They Look Oustanding, Major

Col. Ressijac and Major Stark look over the Full Field Equipment Group before a rigorous inspection of this phase of the days program.

The Editor's Corner — Jon Davis

Just Got By

Far too many students today have their sights aimed on the wrong target or are happy to score a hit on the seventy-five point ring rather than directly in the 'Bulls-Eye'. "Hooray, I passed all my subjects", seems to the occasion for rejoicing, even though the grades indicate the celebrant has all of his grades crowded at the 75% mark. He just barely got by.

Our Colleges and Universities are far too crowded today and have far too long a waiting list of applicants to give any consideration to the student who 'just got by'. Only the cream of the Academic Crop can even be considered for the limited higher educational facilities available. Your Mother and your Father perhaps did not even have to take an entrance examination for college. A High School Diploma, accompanied with a completed application blank and the initial payment assured them enrollment in almost any college of their choice. Times have indeed changed. Most colleges today do not even attempt their own initial screening. The College Boards do this job for them. The high school student who 'just got by' have a remarkably small chance of passing those college boards, and so will not even be among those given consideration. "APPLICATION REJECTED has become the case rather than the exception.

"Young, man, are you just getting by?"

Why G. I.?

Government Military Inspection of the Augusta Military Academy Corps of Cadets is over for the '59-'60 school session. Any observer of our inspection will certainly agree that the inspection was a marvelous display of joint effort. Every member of the Corp, of the Military Staff and of the Faculty contributed his very best effort to make the results almost a foregone conclusion. Praises have been heaped upon all concerned, however THE BAYONET cannot let the occassion pass without adding its 'Well done" to all that has been said.

The New Cadet and the uninitiated often ask why do we have this annual Government Military Inspection. The answer is a very simple one. The Military Branch of our Government wants to see to it that its money is being wisely spent and that the youth of America are being properly trained for any eventuallity that might arise calling upon them to defend ourselves against any aggressor. There are not enough schools operated directly by the Military, and so various schools throughout the country are set up to carry on the military training of the American boys along with their regular scholastic work. This provides the basis military training and the neucleus around which our armed forces can be quickly expanded in case of a National military emergency, This system has proved of uncalcuble value in past history, and might prove to be so again. Even though these thousands of young men are never called upon to defend their country, the training does much in the development of our youth, and is a very worthwhile expenditure of the public funds. The Corps has just convinced the Department of Defense that the R. O. T. C. unit at Augusta is efficiently and effectively carrying out this program.

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Durante los ultimos meses han ido saliendo a la luz varios numeros de nuestro periodico. Han ido saliendo, todos, con una pequena colaboracion en castellano. Una tras otra, las contribuciones en nuestro idioma se han distinguido por su escaso valor. Pobre y erronea composicion, humor pesado y vulgar, falta de interes, he aqui las caracteristicas tipicas de todas ellas. Por eso se ve hoy el autor ante el dilema serio de escribir, intentando sacar de tan desagradable estado nuestra reducida seccion.

Durante varias semanas hemos ido sintiendo el impacto de un curso que se acaba. Ahora, durante estos dias, hemos pasado por una crisis militaristica que asustaria al mismisimo Hitler. Luego, un mes de Mayo corto, unas ceremonias finales largas. Nada mas; pronto todo habra terminado.

Los estudiantes de habla espanola de nuestra academia son todos latinos. Sud o Centroamericanos. Esto es un motivo de orgullo. Mas debo anadir que esos estudiantes, en su mayoria, tienen una razon mas para estar orgullosos. Se ven unidos por un lazo mas fuerte, mas importante si cabe queunidoma comun. Y este lazo es la religion. El ser catolico deberia ser un motivo de orgullo, lo es a veces, mas no con la fuerza que debiera. No se por que.

La Semana Santa ha pasado en silencio. Triste memoria, que debiera haberse visto reflejada en nuestras conciencias. La Pascua, llena de gloria y de alegria ha llegado ya. Y en ambos casos, muy pocos de nosotros, nos hemos parado un momento para pensar. Y es que, el error mas grande que haberse pueda es creer que la religion es cosa de "mujeres". Muchos de nosotros, con cinica disposicion, queriamos criticarla. Otros demostraban su falta de respeto, aquellos veian en La Iglesia el enemigo de sus aventuras juveniles . . . Mas ninguno se ha parado a pensar, en los tristes dias de la Pasion o en los felices de la Pascua, las enormes ventajas de poder vivir con Cristo. De ser capaces de saber responder a Sus deseos, de llevar una vida regular, sabiendo, y creyendo obsolutamente, que El esta siempre sobre y con nosotros, viendonos, protegiendonos, dejandonos elejir el mejor camino, que siempre, si es el mejor, se dirige hacia El.

Y, es esta mi colaboracion de Pascua para todos vosotros. No lleva en ella nada de divertido, nada que produzca risa. Mas quisiera llevar mucho que produzca felicidad. FELICES PASCUAS!

(Contributed by Capt. Kriesler)

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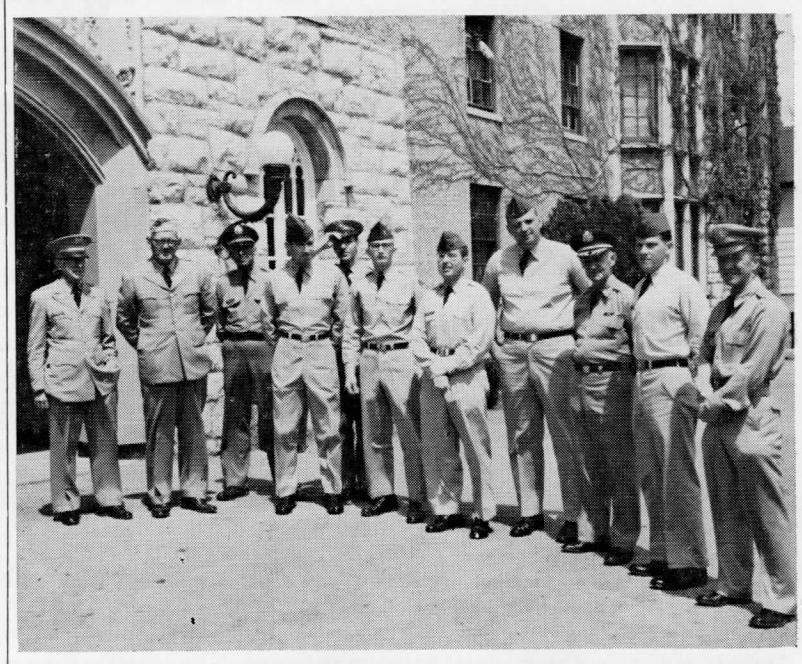

A group of Faculty Officers await time to report their Sections for general room inspection.

Letter

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school and college. If I had stayed in a room I would have nothing to tell them. So won't you go out for something now? It is not too late.

Take pride in your Thursday night Bible Class with our minister teacher. He writes me every week how pleased he is with you and with the attention you give and the way you are progressing.

The average this year is 50 boys going to the Library every day, and it shows that you are inclined to believe that you can get education and enjoyment out of the books, periodicals and papers. Increase the number, and it will make you happy.

I enjoy seeing the whole school go to the moving pictures. The class of pictures that we have generally brings you some lesson along with the pleasure.

Our YMCA is known all over the country as the best. We have the largest nnmber of delegates attending the annual meeting. We have more public meetings than all the rest of the YMCA's of prep schools in Virginia. It is something to tell your parents when you go home. It is something to tell your wife and children in the beautiful future that is open for all of you. So don't fail yourselves or your parents.

Now the most important. There is not a boy here but must realize that his father and mother make sacrifices to keep him here. It takes a lot of money to educate boys and girls, not only for the suition, board, laundry and lodging, but their preparation and clothes for college. Don't put off just the week before examination but commence now by listening to your teochers teach and to the teachers lecture. You in the end are the one who gains —not the teacher.

Let me end by saying that we are our brother's keeper. By our attitude and by our actions we set examples for those who are younger and more inexperienced than we are. Let's try to help them over the hard places. If you use vulgar or bad language you will find somebody is going to ape you. Everybody in this world has somebody that follows him, so set them an example.

Make yourself happy now, regardless of how much you have to work or how many things that will inconvenience you. You can be happy if you ask God to help you. I am a great believer in prayer. God will not let you down; He will answer your prayers if he feels it is for your good that they should be answered.

I am your friend,
/S/ Chas. S. Roller Jr.

The Big Boy
Gen. Chas. S. Roller, Jr.

Junior Picnic

The Juniors climbed aboard a hay wagon and rode over the hill for a cook-out picnic. While there, the group participated in a variety of activities. Some of the more energetic boys hiked over the countryside as far as Middle River. Others in the hiking mood turned up at Capt. Hawpe's chicken coop to cause a flutter among the hens (there may be a shortage of eggs in the mess hall for the next few days). Many of the smaller boys found an old grapevine furnishes fine amusement but also leaves a few blisters here and there. An exciting baseball game was also in progress. Several discoveries were made down by the creek including a turtle, several crawfish, half a lobster and a snake, which was promptly chopped into several sections.

The menu included "sloppy Joe" hamburgers, prepared by the sunburned faculty members; and very well done hotdogs prepared by the cadets. Cookies and punch were served for dessert. Gratitude to Capt. Peduto was felt by all along with slight stomach pains for having eaten too much. The consumption record stands at six hotdobs, four hamblrgers, ten cookies and four glasses of punch.

The setting sun found a group of weary boys making their reluctant way back to much needed showers, and unproductive study hall.

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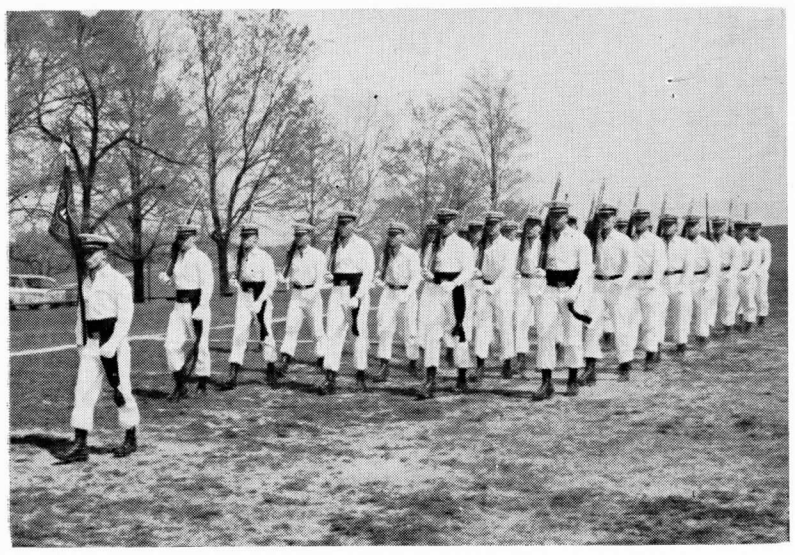
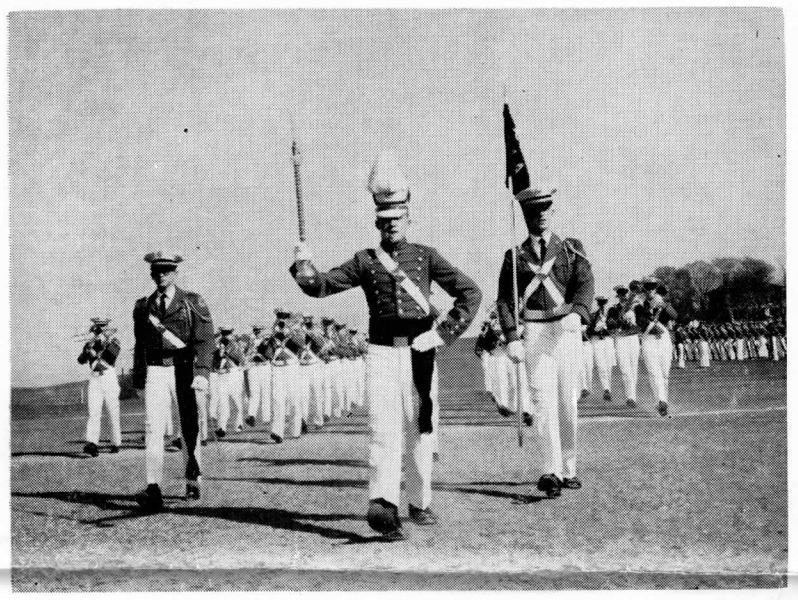


THE ROLLER RIFLES under the leadership of Captain "Jim" Towe, put on a precision drill exhibition which could not help but impress all concerned.

Inspection and questioning of each member of the Full Field Equipment Group by Col. Ressijac.



Band Company, unsung heroes of this as of any other day in the Military Life at Augusta played a dual roll of furnishing marching music for the days activities at school, but followed with marching in the Dogwood Festival at Charlottesville the same evening.

All Photos By Staff of The BAYONET

Cadet "Randy" Gibbs, of Charlottesville is questioned as to why he chose Augusta.

Capt. Berke, Infantry, V.M.I., begins inspecting Rifles of Co. C.

Cadet Captain "Jim" Towe, Corps Adjusant ably leads the Famous Roller Rifles through a drill of skill and precision.

Cadet Bosley persents his platoon to inspecting Capt. Berke for Rifle Inspection. Cadet Captain Adams in the background is Company commander.

Major "Chuck" Savadge, head of the Science Dept. conducts the Inspecting team on a tour of Laboratory and other Academic facilities.

Lt. Rappaport inspects Headquarters Co.

TIME OUT

Sports by J. H. Morris

For the first time in about twelve years Augusta will be competing in an organized league starting in the Fall of 1960. This new league will be composed of the following schools: Augusta Military Academy, Fishburne Military School, Greenbrier Military Academy, Hargrave Military Academy, Massanutten Military Academy, Fork Union Military Academy, and Staunton Military Academy.

During this past year there have been several meetings of the heads of the member schools. As a result of these meetings the league was organized and a league charter drawn up. This charter states that there will be no athletic scholarships given by any of the member schools. This will mean that all of the member schools will be competing on an even basis.

Of course the charter covers a great many other things also, but, to this writer, the non-scholarship policy adopted by all of the member schools is the most important. Back in the late forties and early fifties when Augusta was on the athletic scholarship bandwagon and was a power in the military league it is understood that the chief complaint among Augusta cadets was that every cadet did not have an opportunity to participate in athletics. The teams were already picked, or so they said. Well, Augusta hasn't given an athletic scholarship for the past nine years or so, and here we are in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty. How many cadets do we have out for sports? This is an approximate number, but out five hundred cadets I would say that around one hundred and fifty participate in our entire sports program.

This new league will be a strong one and will be highly competitive. Each school will be fighting for the championship in the various sports. How will Augusta fare? This is a question that can only be answered by you, the student body of Augusta. It won't be answered correctly by having the majority of the corps sitting in barracks each afternoon. It won't be answered by having to go to town instead of practice. I will be answered correctly if all of us will get out and, at least, try. School spirit isn't something which we should just hear about from our fathers. It is something that we must have so we will be able to see the blue and white of Augusta at the top of the standings in our new league.

LaCrosse Team Opens Season

On Monday, April 25th, the A. M. A. LaCross team played its third game of the season, away from the home field at Charlotte Hall Military Academy. Though defeated by a score of 10-3, the Blue Streaks played a heads up game throughout and managed to break into the scoring in the 3rd quarter. All goals scored by Augusta were credited to Cadet Melven Hooker, Second year man from Virginia Beach.

Starting line-up for this game was as follows: Jim Crawford, Bill Baker, Mel. Hooker, Mike Basto, John Gray, Frank Williamson, Bob White, Mitch Gaston, Bob Simon and Leigh Schlushmeyer.

In another hard fought game, the Augusta team lost to W. & L. Frosh by a score of 4-0. This game was played in Lexington on April 15th.

Coach Col. Paul Hoover reports that his charges are showing constant improvement and should be hitting their stride by next game time.

Fall Football Games Announced

The 1960 Football schedule has been released to The Bayonet for publication. The opening game will be played Sept. 24th against an ancient rival, Woodbury Forest in a contest played away from home. With a ten game schedule, six games away from Augusta and four home games, the "Rollermen" meet a worthy foe in every contest. Only one night game appears in the offering.

The tentative schedule appears below:

Sept. 24 — Woodbury (A)
Oct. 1 — Greenbrier (A)
Oct. 8 — Ferrum (A)
Oct. 15 — Rockhill (A)
Oct. 21 — W. and L. Frosh (H)
Oct. 29 — M. M. A. (H)
Nov. 5 — Hargrave (H)
Nov. 12 — E. C. Glass (A-N)
Nov. 19 — R. M. A. (H)
Nov. 24 — Fishburne (A)

Grueling Schedule Of Activities Displayed By Corps During Inspection

TIME	ACTIVITY	ATTENDANCE	PLACE
0830-0845	Briefing of the Inspection Team	Board Members PMS&T Ass't. PMS&T's	PMS&T's Office
0845-0935	Technique of Rifle Fire	M/Sgt. Thornton MST I	Rifle Range
	Rifle Squad Combat Formations	Capt. Rennie MST II	*Bayonet Field
	Patrolling	Capt. Mears MST III & IV	Classroom 2
0945-1035	Full Field Display	M/Sgt. Spurlock Rifle Platoon	**Front Field
	M1 Rifle, Functioning	SFC Komisar MST I	Classroom 1
	Student Presentations	Cadet Adams Cadet McVey Cadet Schlusmeyer MST I	Classroom 2
10-35-1115	Inspection of Administration, Supply and Training Records	Board Members PMS&T & Staff	
1045-1115	Visit General Roller	President of Board	General Roller's Office
1115-1230	Tour and Inspection of the Military & School Facilities	General Roller Board Members PMS&T	
1230-1330	LUNCH	Board Members PMS&T	General Roller's Home
1330-1345	Roller Rifle Demonstration	Roller Rifles Board Members	**Front Field
1345-1410	Inspector General Complaint Period	President of Board	PMS&T's Office
1410-1510	Formal Inspection of Cadet Corps in Ranks	Board Members Cadet Corps	***Black Top
1530-1600	Retreat Parade	Cadet Corps	Front Field
1600-1630	Preparation of Report & Critique	Board Members PMS&T Ass't. PMS&T's	PMS&T's Office
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